

**TOWN OF WESTFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009
FINAL MOTIONS**

FINANCIAL

ARTICLE 1: Fiscal Year 2010 Supplemental Appropriations

Majority Vote Required

That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$112,000 (ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) in order to supplement the following Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget:

410 Engineering Department, Personal Services	\$32,000
710 Debt Service, Principal & Interest	80,000

And further

That the town transfer the sum of \$62,400 (SIXTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS) from Ambulance Enterprise Free Cash in order to supplement the following Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budgets:

640 Ambulance Enterprise, Personal Services	\$17,400
640 Ambulance Enterprise, Expenses	45,000

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

ARTICLE 2: Amendments to Wage & Classification Plan

Majority Vote Required

That the Town amend the Pay Classification Plan for non-unionized municipal employees by adding the following position:

Position	Band	MIN	MID	MAX
Director of Public Works	9	\$75,154	91,333	107,511

*Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend
Personnel Advisory Committee Recommends Band Placement Only*

ARTICLE 3: FY 2010 Budget Transfer

Majority Vote Required

That the Town transfer the following sums from and to the following Fiscal Year 2010 accounts:

from:	210	Police Department, Personal Services	\$12,000
to:	210	Police Department, Expenses	12,000
from:	152	Human Resources, Compensation Reserve	50,000
to:	405*	Dept of Public Works, Personal Services	50,000

**Newly created account*

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

ARTICLE 4: Capital Requests

2/3 Vote Required

That the Town transfer the sum of \$130,000 (ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) from the Capital Stabilization Fund to provide for the following Capital Expenditure:

Westford Public Schools - Westford Academy Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$75,000
Westford Public Schools - Nabnasset Roof Design	55,000

*Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend
Capital Planning Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 5: Town Hall Construction/Renovations
Supplemental Bond Authorization Pending Bid Results
Funding TBD if supplemental is needed
Move to dismiss.**

2/3 Vote Required

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend Dismissal

ARTICLE 6: Reduce Amount Raised by Taxes in Fiscal Year 2010

Majority Vote Required

That the Town transfer the following available funds to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxes for Fiscal Year 2010:

\$ \$78,960.08	From Fund Balance Designated for Debt Service
\$473,725.00	From Fund Balance Designated for Debt Exclusion Reduction
\$2,053,856.67	From Free Cash*

**amount dependent on votes under Articles 1, 3, and 4*

Selectmen and Finance Committee to make Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor

ARTICLE 7: Massachusetts Enhanced Relief Individual Tax (MERIT) Plan *Majority Vote Required*

That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2006 creating a new local option under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5L, which allows Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists who are deployed outside the state to defer paying their taxes without interest or penalties up to 180 days after that service, as being terminated or released from service.

Selectmen Recommend and Finance Committee to make Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor

ARTICLE 8: Massachusetts Enhanced Relief Individual Tax (MERIT) Plan for Motor Vehicle Excise *Majority Vote Required*

That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008 Section 17, creating a new local option amending Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60A Section 9, which allows Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists who are deployed outside the state to defer paying their Motor Vehicle Excise taxes without interest or penalties up to 180 days after that service, as being terminated or released from service.

Selectmen Recommend and Finance Committee to make Recommendation on Town Meeting Floor

ARTICLE 9: Motor Vehicle Exemption for Residents on Active Military Duty *Majority Vote Required*

That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008 Sections 16 and 117, creating a new local option amending Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60A Section 1, which allows the exemption of motor vehicle excise tax for Massachusetts residents who are on active military duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year. If the service member is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, the exemption applies regardless of the number of days deployed. The service member may exempt only one vehicle owned and registered for personal use. If accepted by the Town of Westford, then all delinquent motor vehicle excise bills will be charged an additional \$3.00 when sent to a deputy collector for collection action. The current fee is \$10.00 which, if accepted, would then be \$13.00.

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 10: Chapter 51 Section 51.1.D – Annual Town Meetings and Elections *Majority Vote Required*

That the Town amend Chapter 51, Section 51.1.D of the Westford General Bylaws relating to the acceptance of articles for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting warrant by deleting the current text and replacing it with the following text: "The Board of Selectmen shall include in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting any article it receives in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 Section 10, by the 4th Tuesday in January on or before 2 p.m."

Selectmen Recommend

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 11: Chapter 173, Section 8.1 Water Resource Protection Overlay District

2/3 Vote Required

That the Town amend Chapter 173 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Westford as follows:
At §173-8.1.3 Establishment of Districts, ADD the following:
(additions are underlined)

8.1.3 Establishment of Districts. The Water Resource Protection Districts are herein established as overlay districts. The Water Resource Protection Districts are described on a map entitled "Town of Westford Massachusetts, Zoning Map Water Resource Protection Overlay Districts 1, 2, & 3 (WRPOD)", with district boundary lines compiled by Town of Westford GIS Department dated February 2004 and amended August 2009. All maps are hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw and are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

<i>Selectmen Recommend</i>

LAND USE

ARTICLE 12: Country Road Easement

Majority Vote Required

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Massachusetts Electric Company a perpetual right and easement for providing service for the transmission of intelligence (limited to the transmission of intelligence in connection with the automated reading of electric meters and for no other purposes) and electricity by overhead utility facilities over, across, under and upon land located at 16 Country Road more particularly described in a deed recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Book 1678, Page 591 and shown as Parcel "C" on a plan of land recorded with said Deeds in Plan Book 101, Plan 42, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectmen may determine, which may be nominal consideration.

<i>Selectmen Recommend</i>

ARTICLE 13: Transfer of Care & Custody

2/3 Vote Required

That the Town transfer the care, custody, control, and management of a parcel of Town land located near Texas Road identified as Parcel 31 on Westford's Assessors' Map 6, from the Tax Possession Sale Committee presently held for the purpose of tax title sale to the Conservation Commission to be held for conservation purposes.

<i>Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend</i>
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ARTICLE 14: Vose Hill Road Street Acceptance

Citizen's Petition

That the Town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82 Section 20 to accept Vose Hill Road as Town public way.

(Actual wording to be determined by the petitioners)

<i>Selectmen Recommend Dismissal and Finance Committee Do Not Recommend</i>
